

## Officer History

**Officer Name:** Abrams, Steven

**Tax ID:** 954456

**Sex:** M

**Shield:** 31899

**Race:** White

**Rank:** POM

**Command:** 413

**DOB:** 04/15/1986

**Appt Date:** 07/09/2013

**Age:** 34

**Tenure:** 7

CCRB #	Report Date	Incident Date	Allegation	Disposition	NYPD Disposition	NYPD Penalty	Command
201505767	07/14/2015	07/01/2015	Force - Physical force	Complaint Withdrawn			171
201708485	10/12/2017	10/11/2017		Mediated			105
	10/12/2017	10/11/2017		Mediated			105
	10/12/2017	10/11/2017		Mediated			105
201809762	11/23/2018	11/13/2018	Abuse - Search (of person)	Exonerated			413
	11/23/2018	11/13/2018	Abuse - Vehicle stop	Exonerated			413
	11/23/2018	11/13/2018	Abuse - Question	Exonerated			413
	11/23/2018	11/13/2018	Abuse - Failure to provide RTKA card	Substantiated (Command Lvl Instructions)	Instructions	Command Level Instructions	413
	11/23/2018	11/13/2018	OMN - Failure to prepare a memo book entry	Other Misconduct			413
<b>Total Charges = 9</b>				<b>Total Cases = 3</b>			

## CCRB INVESTIGATIVE RECOMMENDATION

Investigator: Diana Vale	Team: Squad #1	CCRB Case #: 201809762	<input type="checkbox"/> Force	<input type="checkbox"/> Discourt.	<input type="checkbox"/> U.S.
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Abuse	<input type="checkbox"/> O.L.	<input type="checkbox"/> Injury
Incident Date(s) Tue, 11/13/2018 10:50 PM	Location of Incident: Grand Central Parkway and Parsons Boulevard		Precinct: 107	S.O.L. Expires: 05/13/2020	
Date/Time CV Reported Thu, 11/15/2018 9:00 AM	CV Reported At: IAB	How CV Reported: Phone	Date/Time Received at CCRB Fri, 11/23/2018 11:08 AM		

Complainant/Victim	Type	Home Address
1. R [REDACTED] W [REDACTED]	Comp/Victim	[REDACTED]

Witness(es)	Home Address
1. C [REDACTED] G [REDACTED]	[REDACTED]

Subject Officer(s)	Shield	TaxID	Command
1. POM Steven Abrams	31899	954456	HWY 03

Officer(s)	Allegation	Investigator Recommendation
A . POM Steven Abrams	[REDACTED]	A . Exonerated
B . POM Steven Abrams	[REDACTED]	B . Exonerated
C . POM Steven Abrams	[REDACTED]	C . Exonerated
D . POM Steven Abrams	Abuse of Authority: Police Officer Steven Abrams failed to provide R [REDACTED] W [REDACTED] with a business card.	D . Substantiated
E . POM Steven Abrams	Other: Police Officer Steven Abrams failed to prepare a memo book entry as required by Patrol Guide Procedure 212-08.	E . Other Misconduct

## Case Summary

On November 23, 2018, the Civilian Complaint Review Board received this complaint, filed by R [REDACTED] W [REDACTED] with the Internal Affairs Bureau on November 15, 2018.

On November 13, 2018, PO Steven Abrams of Highway Patrol stopped [REDACTED] W [REDACTED]'s vehicle on Grand Central Parkway and Parsons Boulevard in Queens, for speeding (**Allegation A: Abuse of Authority, exonerated**). After identifying the odor of alcohol, PO Abrams asked [REDACTED] W [REDACTED] if she had anything to drink (**Allegation B: Abuse of Authority, exonerated**). PO Abrams proceeded to administer a breathalyzer test on Ms. W [REDACTED] (**Allegation C: Abuse of Authority, exonerated**). PO Abrams warned and admonished Ms. W [REDACTED] and permitted her to leave. PO Abrams failed to provide Ms. W [REDACTED] with a business card (**Allegation D: Abuse of Authority, substantiated**) and failed to prepare a memo book entry for this incident (**Allegation E: Other Misconduct**). Ms. W [REDACTED] was not arrested or issued a summons for this incident.

The investigation obtained NYPD vehicle dashboard camera footage for this incident [Board Review 01].

## **Findings and Recommendations**

[illegible]

it is therefore recommended that **Allegation A** be exonerated.

**Allegation B –** [REDACTED]

**Allegation C –** [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] it is therefore recommended that  
**Allegations B and C be exonerated.**

**Allegation D – Abuse of Authority: Police Officer Steven Abrams failed to provide R [REDACTED] W [REDACTED] with a business card.**

PO Abrams acknowledged that he did not provide Ms. W [REDACTED] with a Right to Know business card as she did not request one. PO Abrams received training on an unknown date regarding the distribution of business cards to the public. PO Abrams' understanding of the policy was that he did not have to provide a card to Ms. W [REDACTED] absent a request to provide one, a frisk of her person, and/ or a search of her vehicle. He confirmed that he did not arrest or issue Ms. W [REDACTED] a summons as he warned and admonished her.

NYC Administrative Code 14-174(a)(2)(4) [Board Review 06] states that at the conclusion of "law enforcement activities" and in those situations where a civilian specifically asks for a business card, the officer is required to provide one. The term "law enforcement activity" includes: (4) searches of persons. NYC Administrative Code 14-174(b)(3) states that during a law enforcement activity, an officer shall offer a business card to such person at the conclusion of any such activity that does not result in an arrest or summons [Board Review 11].

As previously stated, PO Abrams conducted a stop of Ms. W [REDACTED]'s vehicle which in and of itself was not considered a law enforcement activity. However, once PO Abrams had reasonable suspicion that Ms. W [REDACTED] was committing a crime, detecting the odor of alcohol emanating from her breath, he proceeded to question Ms. W [REDACTED] about his suspicion. He then searched Ms. W [REDACTED]'s person by administering a breathalyzer test. PO Abrams confirmed that Ms. W [REDACTED] was not arrested or issued a summons for this incident. The investigation determined that PO Abrams was required to provide Ms. W [REDACTED] with a business card.

As PO Abrams failed to provide Ms. W [REDACTED] with a business card as required by AC 14-174, it is therefore recommended that **Allegation D be substantiated.**

**Allegation E – Abuse of Authority: Police Officer Steven Abrams failed to prepare a memo book entry as required by Patrol Guide Procedure 212-08.**

PO Abrams admitted that he stopped Ms. W [REDACTED]'s vehicle, searched her by administering a breathalyzer test, and did not prepare any memo book entries to properly document this incident. PO Abrams stated that he did not prepare an entry for this incident as it was not customary for him to document vehicle stops that were warned and admonished since he conducted "hundreds of stops."

Patrol Guide Procedure 212-08 [Board Review 08] states that all uniformed members of service must record assignments received, tasks performed and information pertinent to an assignment or observed/ suspected violation of law.

PO Abrams did not prepare a memo book entry regarding this incident as required. It is therefore recommended that he be cited for **other misconduct** with regards to **Allegation E**.

**Civilian and Officer CCRB Histories**

- This is the first CCRB complaint to which Ms. W [REDACTED] has been a party.
- PO Abrams has been a member of the NYPD for six years and has been a subject in two CCRB complaints and four allegations, of which none were substantiated. PO Abrams' CCRB history does not reflect any apparent pattern pertinent to this investigation.

**Mediation, Civil and Criminal Histories**

- On April 10, 2019, this case was sent to mediation, and on June 25, 2019, the case was returned to investigation as the complaint was no longer eligible for mediation.
- As of July 30, 2019, the New York City Office of the Comptroller has no record of a Notice of Claim being filed in regards to this complaint [Board Review 09].
- According to OCA, Ms. W [REDACTED]

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Squad No.: 1

Investigator: \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature                      Investigator Diana Vale                      Date  
Print Title & Name

Squad Leader: \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature                      Investigative Manager Joy Almeyda                      Date  
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